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## Letter to Sophia Chase

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Berkshire Mar 19. W 25.  
1/2 past 4 AM.

Dear Wife

You will join me in very sincere thanks to a kind Providence who has led on & most signally prospered my steps in seeking the prosperity of Religion and learning.

Last Saturday (this day week) we traversed the proposed site and adjacent lands for our Seminary on Allum Cr. & found them most congenial to our taste. Sunday divine service at Berkshire Monday set off with Dr. Maclary for Jamesville, & staid at Newark that night. Saw Wm Stansberry Esq. who promises his assistance in obtaining of the Legislature next session the Salt Section for our College Tuesday arrived in Jamesville saw Mr Betsey Reed who gave us 1000 acres from off the south part of her half section on Allum Creek & seemed to us 900 more if we chose to take it at \$2.50 per acre

Let him bring his provisions with him, & Maclary & Betsey



Same evening with Dr. McClary  
called on Mr. Josiah Stansberry  
who, in case, Mr. Munn of N.Y. <sup>a friend</sup> ~~confident~~  
has secured to us 1125 acres being a  
part of a section that was on that  
of Mrs R. on the west east.

Wednesday wrote letters & obtained others  
from Mr. Stansberry & borrowed \$150.-  
On States money of Mr. Morehead all  
of which I gave to Dr. McClary with  
my hearty prayers for God's blessing  
and sent him to New York New Jersey  
and Rhode Island to see the several  
owners of lands lying <sup>near</sup> those already  
given us.

Thursday returned to New York and staid  
at Willm Stansberry's; Eng. saw the  
Printer who struck off that night the  
inserted Notice. Mr. Stansberry remained  
with great interest his promise to get us  
the Salt Section (4000 acres of the best  
of lands in Delaware County above us  
some miles) - Set off for Berkshire  
called on Judge Holmes who promised



to be with us Monday and Tuesday  
next with his compass to lay off the  
town ~~and~~ <sup>for the</sup> Seminary on the premises  
as so as to be ready for the Bee on  
Wednesdays - Mr Granville called  
on Mr Jenks who highly approving  
of every thing done gave me his promise  
<sup>that</sup> 20 or 30 shall come to the Bee on Wednesday  
- he rode with me on the way about 4  
miles. Called on my way to Johnstown  
at Mr Carpenters, who told me that the  
people in that vicinity would be all likely  
to this business. Dined at Johnstown  
with Mr Landers. Several of the neigh-  
bours came in, who were most anxious  
for the accomplishment of the plan  
& who will bring many to the Bee  
a person accompanied me to Lumbury  
& by him I wrote to the Rev Mr Wagon  
borne my good friend in Genoa  
who will inform all who dwell  
on Big Walnut  
Arrived at Judge Prince's residence  
about 7. P.M. - Many of the neigh



town came in: all rejoicing: will give  
notice in every direction: so that there is  
a prospect that there will be a greater  
company of men and more trees  
felled next Wednesday than on  
any day or in any place since  
the settlement of the Western County.  
How sublime the sight to see a  
thousand men at work & for such  
a purpose and the whole forest  
nodding obedience & bowing  
low at God's command in ful-  
filment of his Holy prophecy, that  
the <sup>& learning</sup> ~~ligion~~ shall prevail, that the "vil-  
deness and solitary place shall beget  
for them (the members of his Church)  
& the desert shall bud & blossom as  
the rose."

Let Mr. Mainard have Samuel & come back  
on Wednesday - you I should expect to see him on Monday  
I expect Mr. Jamison & Mr. Little to  
assist me on Monday & Tuesday in laying  
out the town. Ever yours P. Chase

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